



Fireworks

SafeTips from the Naval Safety Center

Quick and easy summaries to find out about something new you're doing or as a refresher for something you haven't done in a while. They're a great training tool to pass around at meetings, through e-mail, or post on bulletin boards.

1. Check local laws. Make sure that fireworks are legal where you live.
2. If they are legal, know what kinds are legal and what kinds aren't.
3. Don't let small children play with fireworks or set them off. Adults should either ignite the fireworks, or supervise older children who are doing it.
4. Read the warnings, rules and instructions. Then, after you read them, follow them to the letter.
5. Wear eye protection and keep all parts of your body out of the line of fire.
6. Make sure the audience is out of range of misfired or misdirected rockets and roman candles.
7. Set off the fireworks on a hard, flat surface away from anything flammable.
8. Wait several minutes before walking up to a firework that didn't go off. Don't try to relight duds or misfires. Soak them in water.
9. Have a bucket of water or a garden hose handy.
10. Buy fireworks from reliable retailers.
11. Never experiment with fireworks or try to make homemade ones.
12. Avoid storing fireworks for extended periods. If you must store them, keep them in a cool, dry place.
13. When the show is over, soak the expended fireworks and dispose of them in a trash container.
14. M-80s and "blockbusters" are not legal fireworks; they are extremely dangerous, banned explosives. Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the product, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.
15. If you attend a professional display:
 - * You don't need to get close. The best view is from several hundreds yards away.
 - * If debris falls nearby, don't touch it.
 - * Leave pets at home. Dogs, in particular, can have their hearing damaged by the explosions.

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